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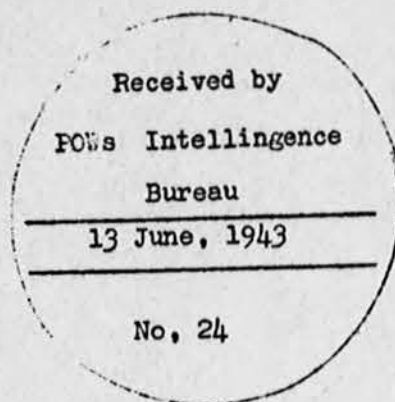
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To : Chief of POW's Information Bureau  
From: Minister Suzuki, attending to the Section of Residents in Hostile Powers, Foreign Ministry.

The matters regarding the manners in which the London Times correspondent reports on our treatment of POW's

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Chief Oda jima Hoda Yokoi Takada Yotsumoto  
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For your information, I report that according to the telegram from our Domei correspondents at Berlin, a London Times correspondent at Melbourne in his cablegram, dated May 24th, informed the report of the Pope's envoy in our country regarding our treatment of POWs as follows: Reports which Bishop Banico, the nuncio, received from the Pope's envoy in Japan who had often visited the internment camps and prisoner's quarters in every part of Japan are as follows:

The Japanese Government has been observing the international treaties so far as the general treatment of POWs interned in Japan proper are concerned.

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POW's complaints are due to the difference of mentality between POWs and the Japanese. POWs have been placed on the same level with the Japanese soldiers not only from the general point of view, but also from the special viewpoint of food and clothing. In well-organized POW's camps, soaps, razor-blades, tooth-powder, and cigarettes have been distributed every month and other daily necessities can be bought at PX. Most of the POWs are not wanting in money.

Even in camps where order and compulsory labour are strictly enforced, time for amusement and sports has been given. Most of money presented to POWs from the Pope has been used to buy play things and musical instruments.

In some camps the living condition is being improved through acquisition of local products. At some camps vegetables and fruits are growing, and in others near the sea-shore fishes are found available. The strongest requirement of POWs is concerned with the informations of their family and reading. It is so difficult to obtain foreign books in Japan, but the Pope's envoy is taking every possible means and the Swedish minister to Japan also is making his special effort to obtain literary books for them.



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I, who occupy the of Acting Chief of POW's Information Bureau, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, printed in Japanese consisting of 5 pages and entitled "The matters regarding the manners in which the London Times correspondent reports on our treatment of POW's" is an excerpt from documents in the custody of this office.

Certified at Tokyo,

on this 11th day of June, 1947

/s/ NAKANISHI, Sadayoshi (seal)

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我方俘虜取扱ニ關スル倫敦「タイムス」特派員ノ  
報道振ニ關スル件

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鈴木公使

俘虜情報局長官殿

我方ノ俘虜取扱ニ關スル倫敦「タイムス」特派員ノ  
報導振ニ關スル件

在伯林同盟特派員ノ電報ニ依レハ在「メルボルン」倫敦「タイムス」紙特派員ハ五月二十四日附電報ヲ以テ我方ノ俘虜取扱ニ關スル在本邦羅馬法王廳使節ノ報告ヲ左記ノ通報導シ居レルニ付御參考迄ニ御通知申進ス

## 記

法王廳使節「パニコ」大司教ガ日本各地ノ抑留所及俘虜收容所ヲ屢々訪問セル間本邦羅馬法王廳使節ヨリ受領セル報告左ノ通  
日本政府ハ日本本土ニ收容中ノ俘虜ノ一般的取扱ニ於テ國際條約ヲ遵守シ居レリ。

俘虜ノ有スル苦情ノ原因ハ俘虜ト日本人ノ間ニ於ケル「メンタリテイ」ノ相違ニ基クモノニシテ一般的ニモ又特ニ食糧及衣服ノ點ニ於テモ俘虜ハ日本兵ト同一ノ水準ニ置カレ居レリ良ク組織セラレタル收容所ニ於テハ毎月石鹼、剃刀ノ及、齒磨粉及卷煙草ノ配給アリ又ソノ他ノ小日用品ヲ酒保ニテ入手スルコトヲ得、多クノ俘虜ハ金錢ニ困リ居ラス。

規律ト義務的勞働ガ嚴格ニ強要セラレ居ル收容所ニ於テスラ娛樂ト「スポ



ーツノ時間ガ與ヘラレ居レリ。法王ヨリ俘虜ニ金錢ヲ贈與セラレ居ル  
 處之等ノ金錢ハ多クハ遊戯用及音樂用器具購入ノ爲使用セラレ居リ。  
 若干ノ收容所ニ於テ生活狀態ハ地方的產物ノ取得ニ依リ改善セラレ  
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 ルモノナリ。日本ニ於テ西洋語書籍ノ入手ハ頗ル困難ナルモ法王廳使節  
 ハ凡ユル手段ヲ講ジ居リ又瑞典國公使ハ文學書入手ニ付特別ノ努力ヲ拂  
 ヒ居レリ。